

INELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Council No. 458 Date 4/23/90
Full name KENNETH S. DITZLER (Do not include if you can possibly get full name)
Social Security Number [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED]
City LORAIN State OH ZIP Code 44052
Date of Birth 3/1/53 (This is important and should be exact.)
Approximate age _____ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)
Religion BAPTIST Nationality _____
Occupation COURIER FOR PONY EXPRESS Education _____
Weight APPROX 220 # Height APPROX 5'-11-6" Race WHITE
Color of hair RED Color of eyes BLUE
Outstanding characteristics or Interests MUSTACHE
Married or single MARRIED Children 1 3 YEARS OLD
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)
Spouse's name _____
Scouting connections: Chartered organization: FINELSON P.T.A.
Unit No. 3395 City LORAIN State OH
Position WEBSTER LEADER Date registered 9/2/88 Date resigned _____
Special recognition NONE
Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: ADMITTED HOMOSEXUAL
ACTIVITY SEE ATTACHED

SPECIFY THE FACTS THAT LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, INCLUDING HOW THE INFORMATION CAME TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

CONFIDENTIAL

NOTED

JUN 18 1990

AUG 23 1990

F. STARON

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council

FINELSON AREA #458

August 24, 1990

Mr. James P. Bopp
Scout Executive
Firelands Area Council, No. 458

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: KENNETH S. DITZLER

Dear Jim:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Ineligible Volunteer File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

eko

cc: East Central Region

READY TO FILE
AUG 24 1990
ERIN O'RILEY

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July 17, 1990



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James P. Bopp

6/6/80

Paul,

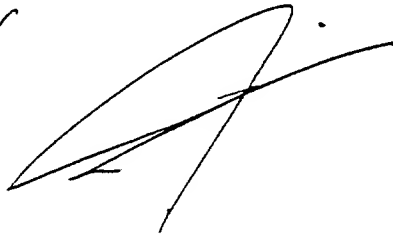
PETE BARBERNITZ CALLED

TODAY & SAID YOU DID NOT
HAVE A COPY OF THIS INFO.

ACCORDING TO MY RECORDS
I MAILED IT ON APRIL 20,

BUT HERE IT IS AGAIN.

Sorry!



RE: KENNETH S. DITZLER, [REDACTED] LORAIN, OH SS #272-44-0052

Monday, April 9, 1990 Mr. & Mrs. John Sedivy contacted James P. Bopp, Scout Executive of Firelands Area Council, with a concern about an individual seen in their church wearing a Scout uniform. The individual, according to them, is an admitted homosexual. Upon learning of the name, I checked the Council Registration Files and found an individual with the same name currently registered as a Webelos Leader. Upon verifying the information as shown on the adult application, Mrs. Sedivy advised that her Pastor, Rev. Harold Kidwell, could provide additional facts and verification.

Monday, April 9, 1990 Several attempts to reach Rev. Kidwell unsuccessful.

Tuesday April 10, 1990 Discussed situation with Bonnie Kerpics, Black River District Executive, and advised her of action that needs to be taken. She advised that several people had some reservations when the individual was first registered; but no one would make any definite statements.

Wednesday April 11, 1990 Contacted Rev. Kidwell. Have appointment to review facts - advised Council President, Grant Walls, of situation.

Thursday April 12, 1990 Met with Rev. Kidwell, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Lorain, OH who verified the individual had told him he was a homosexual and had a number of young boys as lovers over the years including several from prominent families within the church during the time he had been serving as a handyman and janitor for the Church. Those young people were all Members of the First Baptist Church. This information was freely given to Rev. Kidwell when the individual applied for reentry to The First Baptist Church recently. He indicated that although this had happened several years ago, he had no remorse nor inclination of changing his lifestyle. The Board of Deacons at The First Baptist Church, Lorain, Ohio has denied him membership in the Church.

Friday April 13, 1990 Contacted the Council Attorney, James Kellam, and advised him of the situation and he agreed we need to remove this individual from Scouting.

Monday April 16, 1990 Contacted Area Director - advised we're sending Standard Letter of Denial of Registration. Attempted to set up appointment with individual.

Tuesday, April 17, 1990 Attempted to contact individual four (4) times.

Wednesday, April 18, 1990 Attempted to contact individual. Sent letter Certified Mail of removal from registration and contacted Paul Ernst at Registration regarding individual and mailed Confidential Form to Ernst.

NOTES FROM MARCH 26, 1990 MEETING WITH KEN DITZLER

Attending - Ken Ditzler, WL; John Janner, Cor; Shari Simo, DL; Robert Jackson, CC; Kathy Blahay, MC; David Lossing, EE Firelands Area Council; James P. Bopp, CE

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Firelands Area Council:

Meeting began with introductions and statements by Jim Bopp that:

- 1 - the meeting was being tape recorded
- 2 - an explanation to all present of the procedures required when an allegation is made regarding the character of a member of the B.S.A.
- 3 - and that in view of the fact that the Council Executive is new and not familiar with the party making the allegation or the person against whom the allegation was made it was necessary to verify the identification of this person with another source referred to him by the party bringing the allegation to the council.
- 4 - all the facts and information gathered are completely confidential with only the party bringing the facts to light, the person who confirmed the identification, the Council President and Council Attorney are aware of the entire situation. It was expressed that any other information brought out at this meeting must not leave this room in order to protect all parties involved.
- 5 - that Mr. Ditzler's next move is to file a written request for a review of the suspension by the East Central Region, and if that decision was not satisfactory then his next recourse is to request a review by the National Council.

Meeting ended with a statement by Ditzler that he would file an appeal.



FIRELANDS AREA COUNCIL, INC. No. 458

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April 26, 1990

Mr. James Bopp,
Scout Executive
Firelands Area Council

Vermilion, OH 44089

Dear Jim:

I am attaching for the record my notes of the Meeting that took place on Thursday April 26, 1990 at 1:10 P.M. at the Council Service Center regarding the allegations toward one Mr. Ken Ditzler, a Webelos Leader with Pack 395.

Present were: Mr. Ditzler, Mr. John Janner, Chartered Organization Representative; Ms. Shari Simo, Den Leader; Mr. Robert Jackson, Committee Chairman; Mrs. Kathy Blahay, Committee Member; Mr. James P. Bopp, Scout Executive of The Firelands Area Council; Mr. David E. Lossing, Explorer Executive of The Firelands Area Council. The adult volunteers are, except for Mr. Ditzler at the time of this meeting, registered with Pack 395, Black River District, Firelands Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Bopp had taped-recorded the Meeting and had made this known to those in attendance. He then proceeded to inform Mr. Ditzler of the guidelines that he is to follow once an allegation has been confirmed by another source. He proceeded to say that the matter has been referred to the East Central Region of the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Ditzler is now to appeal his removal from the Boy Scouts of America to Mr. M. Gene Cruse, Regional Director, East Central Region.

Mr. Ditzler had recounted to those in attendance an incident that had occurred with a youngster. This incident was recorded. I am not sure if the youth in question was a Boy Scout or a youth in the Church at the time. He recalled the incident in which the youth was being physically abused by [REDACTED] on the night in question.

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The youth was at the residence of Mr. Ditzler, afraid to go home. Mr. Ditzler had the youth stay in his room so that the [REDACTED] would not see the youngster. Eventually the youth and Mr. Ditzler were discovered in the main bedroom by the housekeeper, who was also the youth's [REDACTED]. Mr. Ditzler said that all that happened was them falling asleep in the bed. There was no mention of any sexual activity between the two. In four days after this incident, Mr. Ditzler was asked to leave his Church.

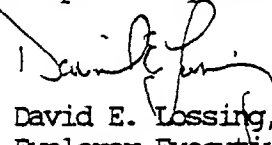
Mr. Ditzler and the Volunteers from Pack 395 were visibly upset and voiced their objections to the Boy Scout process several times. Mr. Ditzler will be appealing this situation to the Regional Office and the Volunteer Adults said that they will support him. They have also mentioned that they were in contact with a lawyer from Cleveland. They did not say what action this attorney may bring against the Boy Scouts of America.

The entire conversations that took place were not recorded. The cassette tape had expired before the Meeting ended.

The Meeting concluded approximately 2:05 P.M.

DEL/lk

Respectfully submitted,


David E. Lossing,
Explorer Executive
Firelands Area Council



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April 11, 1990

Mr. Kenneth S. Ditzler

[Redacted]
Lorain, OH

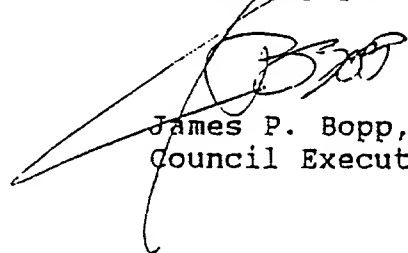
Dear Kenneth:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be denied. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee is enclosed.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to refuse registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a BSA regional review committee, please write to the regional director within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be reinstated. The procedures for a review of this decision are attached.

Sincerely yours,


James P. Bopp,
Council Executive

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The following information is provided should you desire a review by the East Central Region, BSA, of the decision to deny your registration.

1. Within 60 days, you must request in writing a review of this decision. Your request should be sent to the regional director, East Central Region, BSA. In your request you may include your version of what occurred in support of your claim that your registration should not have been denied.
2. Upon the receipt of your written request, a committee will be appointed to review the situation.
3. You may attend the review hearing, but it is not adversarial in nature and neither the committee nor you will be represented by legal counsel. If you wish, you may be accompanied by no more than two other individuals if their testimony might assist the committee in discovering the truth and arriving at a correct decision.
4. The committee will review the facts as presented, and may interview any persons whose testimony might assist them in arriving at a correct decision.
5. You will receive a letter setting forth the decision of the committee.
6. If you disagree with the decision of the committee, you may request a review of this decision by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

4/21/1989

Dear Sir,

I am returning my \$6⁰⁰ registration check to you. I cannot accept your decision on my future in scouting, such as it is. I intend to continue on leading as a trained qualified Webelos leader, setting the high standards. I am committed to since my first year in scouting, I will discuss this matter further with you on Thurs. April 26th at 01:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Bennett S. Dyer

LL 12-30-98

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

ADULT APPLICATION PART ONE

Please print one letter in each space—press hard; you are making three copies.

First name and initial

B E N N E T H S G I T Z L E R (DOC)

Social Security number

[Redacted]

Address—street or R.F.D.

[Redacted]

Additional address information (if necessary)

[Redacted]

City

L O R A I N O H I O S 2 -

ZIP code

State

Home phone

[Redacted]

Business phone

[Redacted]

Date of birth

03 01 53

Training—see cover

[X]

Position Code

WL

This month

1

Year

1

Previous employment, occupation, employer and business address

21A

Years of this employment

[Redacted]

Age

[Redacted]

Life

[Redacted]

Boy's Life

[Redacted]

Boy's Life fee

[Redacted]

Boy's Life fee

[Redacted]

Term (months)

03

Unit renewal date

01 89

Month

01

Year

89

Age of child

13

Number of children

1

Sex

M

Former leader

[Redacted]

Personal signature—see back cover

[Signature]

Date

9/7/88

Registration fee

\$1.20

Boy's Life fee

[Redacted]

Term (months)

03

Unit renewal date

01 89

Month

01

Year

89

Age of child

13

Number of children

1

Sex

M

Former leader

[Redacted]

Personal signature—see back cover

[Signature]

Date

9/7/88

If applicant has an unexpired membership certificate, registration may be accomplished by paying \$1.00 for processing the transfer. Check the box and attach certificate. It will be returned by the council.

[Redacted]

FOR COUNCIL USE

Approval—see back cover (sign here in part two)

[Signature]

Transfer from:

[Redacted]

Council

[Redacted]

May's unit No.

[Redacted]

Member ID No.

[Redacted]

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

HEINRICH S. OITZLER (DCC)

Expiration
04/10

- | Position | Council | Year |
|------------------|-------------|---------|
| DEAN LEADER | BLACK RIVER | 1981-83 |
| WEBB LEADERS | " | " |
| BOY SCOUT LEADER | " | " |

6. Health limitations or special considerations
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- HEART CONDITION
20% DISABILITY L2: A USE

- 8. References.** Please list those who are familiar with your character as it relates to working with youth.

- In your work or profession**

- 10055 J.C. BERRY

- 4. Current memberships (religious, community, youth, business, or professional organization)**

I, the undersigned, understand that:

- Sign here and in part one
- Date 9/1/88

Approved by Walter D. Be 10/11/88
Carroll Johnson 9/13/88
 Date

Bonnie C. Karpis Date 1-4-88
Scout executive certificate

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C-458 - Friday - 4:20

Scout Exec called - James P Bopp
Please call back - [REDACTED]

Admitted Homosexual

~~Kenneth S. Ditzler~~ DOB 1953^{3/}

WL C3395 MARRIED WITH
027925

NO PLANS FOR CHARGE AT THIS
TIME - SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH
TEENAGERS AND OTHER YOUTH AT TURCH
MOSTLY IN LATE 70'S AND EARLY 80'S

INFO TO COME

Paul Ernst

4-23-90

Added to IV file
Deleted from reg file
4/23/90
cmw

MSOB

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT SYSTEM

04/23/90
10:39:04

MEMBER DELETE

CNCL 458 PRG/UNIT C3395 SEQ. 027925

FIRST: KENNETH S

LAST : DITZLER

ADDR1:

ADDR2: LORAIN

OH

ADDR3:

ADDR4:

ZIP: 44052

REG STATUS: R ENROLL: 0289 BIRTH: 0353 SEX: M AGENCY: M ADULT/YOUTH: A

POSITION: WL FINDERCODE: 51 PHONE: BULK: MAG-STATUS:

REN DAT: 0191

TRANSFER FROM = CNCL: PGM/UNIT: SEQ: TRANSFER DATE:

MAGAZINES

TYPE	CNCL	P/UNT	CODE	TRM	DATE	FIRST	LAST	ORIG	TOTAL	COUNT	PRINTED	DATE
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PF2)DELETE PF12)MENU CLR)END

MEMBER DELETED FROM DATABASE SUCCESSFULLY